

July Newsletter

Top Stories This Month



Announcing the 2026 Carleton University Teaching Award Recipients

We are pleased to announce the outstanding educators receiving 2026 Carleton University Teaching Awards.

Alexis Shotwell (Sociology and Anthropology) and Hyounjeong Yoo (Linguistics and Language Studies) have received the [Provost's Fellowship in Teaching Award](#) for their dedication to teaching excellence and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

There are four recipients of the [New Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award](#) this year who have all demonstrated excellence in teaching and are active in Carleton's teaching and learning community: Siobhan Angus (Communication and Media Studies), Nafiseh Kahani (Systems and Computing Engineering), Susan Burhoe (Centre for Initiatives in Education) and Steven Pong (Industrial Design).

Please join us in congratulating all six recipients!



Expanded Eligibility for the Global Citizen Scholar Program Coming this Fall

Building on a successful pilot, Teaching and Learning Services is expanding eligibility for the Global Citizen Scholar Program, with registration opening to all students this fall. Grounded in competency-based, high-impact learning design, the program supports students in integrating disciplinary learning with broader skill development. Through a structured process of knowledge-building, proficiency assessment and evidence-based demonstration, students develop and document transferable competencies, equipping them to apply their learning in complex, real-world contexts. Stay tuned for more details.



Educational Technology Updates

Changes to Brightspace Login Page

On Monday, June 29, your journey into Brightspace looked a bit different. Don't worry, your courses haven't moved, but there is a new dual login screen that requires one extra click to get to your dashboard.

To log in, simply click the "MyCarletonOne (MC1)" button. This will instantly route you to the familiar, secure institutional login page where you will enter your standard MC1 credentials.

Why the new look? We are expanding our digital campus! This updated login layout is being introduced to lay the groundwork for Carleton Extend, an exciting new online storefront for **non-credit** external facing professional development initiatives launching later this year. By separating our login paths now, we ensure that external lifelong learners can seamlessly access their specialized **non-credit** courses down the road without disrupting the daily workflows of our degree-seeking community.

Need a hand? If you experience any issues trying to log in, please visit the [Brightspace Support Site](#) for quick troubleshooting steps and assistance.

AI in Teaching and Learning: Productive Failure

We've launched a semi-regular feature to keep you informed about how artificial intelligence (AI)—especially generative AI (GenAI)—is shaping teaching and learning at Carleton and beyond. We started with our four-pronged approach to developing an [AI strategy for your course](#). To compliment this advice, we're unpacking four interconnected elements of sustainable teaching practices:

- Relationship-rich environments
- Scaffolded experiences
- Productive failure
- Intrinsic motivation

In previous months, we unpacked the first two layers and this month we turn our attention to the next layer: Productive failure.

Productive failure challenges the assumption that effective learning should always feel efficient. While students often prefer clear instructions and immediate success, struggling with a problem before receiving instruction can lead to deeper understanding, stronger retention and improved transfer of learning. Today, productive failure may be more important than ever. [Read more.](#)

Carleton Joins International Association of Universities

We are pleased to announce that Carleton is now a member of the [International Association of Universities \(IAU\)](#).

Founded in 1950, the IAU serves the global higher education community, uniting more than 600 members from over 120 countries around a set of common values. It provides support through expertise and trends analysis, publications, advisory services, peer-to-peer learning, events and global advocacy.

The association is a UNESCO partner, uniquely positioned to collaborate with many international organizations. We look forward to expanding Carleton's reach internationally and forming new partnerships globally through this membership.

Contract Instructor Orientation Fall 2026

If you're a contract instructor teaching in the fall term, we are here to help you! Whether you're getting ready to teach your first course at Carleton, or you're returning after a break, you might have questions about policies and procedures, teaching tips, and educational technology. Our two-part orientation can help. Review materials online before joining a Zoom Q&A session on August 18 at 5:30 p.m. There, you'll be able to ask questions about the resources provided and any other teaching and learning questions you might have. [Register here.](#)

Upcoming Events and Workshops

Our events and workshops are on hiatus in July. Stay tuned in August when we'll announce our fall programming.

We still host [drop-in sessions](#) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Future Learning Lab (room 483) from 10 a.m. to noon to help you with your course needs. Bring your laptop and any teaching-related questions you have.

Missed an event? Watch recorded sessions on our [Mediaspace channel](#).

[View all events](#)

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